

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 MASAHIRO NISHIO) Examiner: Y. Dalencourt
 Application No.: 09/859,499) Group Art Unit: 2157
 Filed: May 18, 2001)
 For: NETWORK CONTROL)
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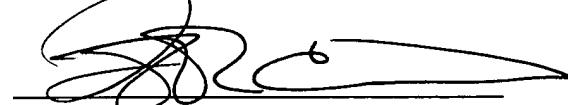
Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Form PTO-1449 (copy attached) were submitted in the subject application on December 18, 2003. To date, an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 has not yet been returned by the Examiner.

It is therefore requested that the Examiner initial and return the attached Form PTO-1449 and return it to Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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***EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of form with next communication to applicant.**

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